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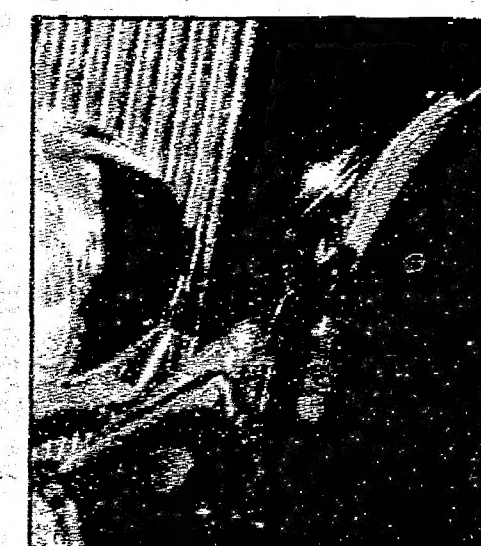
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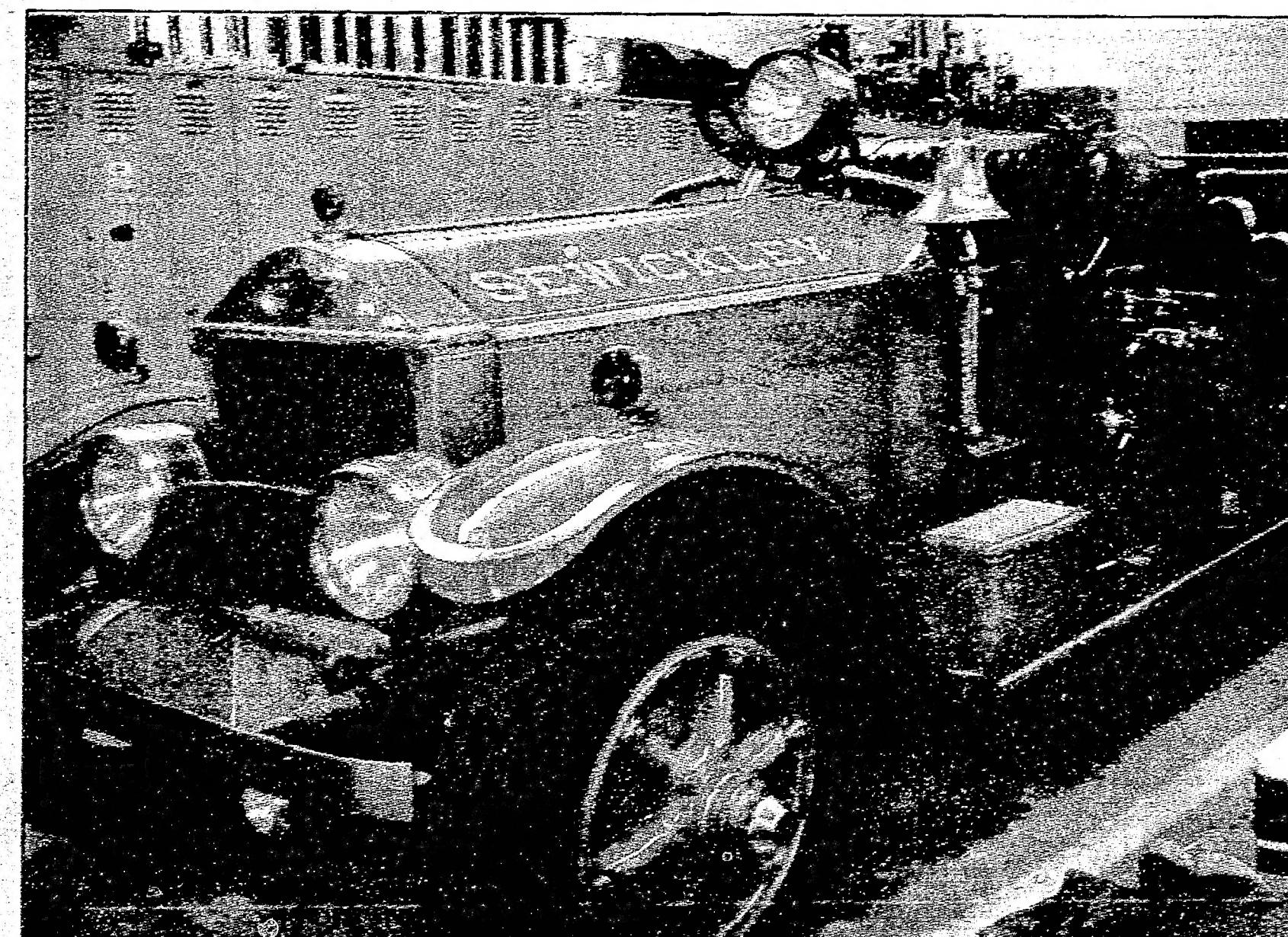


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KEEP ON TRUCKIN'



IT MAY not look it now, but this 1927 American LaFrance fire truck was state of the art when it was purchased new by the Cochran Hose Company. The truck left Sewickley over the weekend for a complete renovation that could take up to two years.

Photos by Andrea Zrimsek

Sewickley icon getting a facelift

By Andrea L. Zrimsek

Staff writer

Its bright light, giant bell, unmistakable red paint and old time charm have attracted the wide eyes of kids of all ages for almost 80 years. And although it's still operational, this soon-to-be octogenarian is beginning to show its age.

So the 1927 American LaFrance fire truck, owned by the Cochran Hose Company, is getting a facelift.

The local parade favorite left its longtime home along Thorn Street last weekend for a trip to Eighty Four, Pa, where it will get a "frame up" restoration.

The project could take between one and two years and will include extensive work on the engine as well as the body of the vehicle.

But when it is finished, the truck will be

restored to its original 1920s splendor including shimmery gold leaf accents.

"We're really excited about it," says Jeff Neff, Sewickley fire chief. "This truck is part of our history here at Cochran Hose."

The truck, which was bought new by Cochran Hose in 1927, is what Neff calls a triple vehicle because it carries three pieces of equipment: a pump, a hose and water. However, its water tank only holds about 200 gallons, which is a tiny fraction of a modern truck that can carry 750,000 gallons.

Neff estimates the right-hand drive, double clutch truck was used from the time it was acquired until 1951 when the fire company purchased new trucks and equipment.

But its retirement from duty has never kept it from being part of numerous parades and

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REGION

Watershed group close to organizing

By Andrea L. Zrimsek

Staff writer

If you take a glass of water and pour it onto the ground, chances are it will be absorbed. If not, it will run downhill until it reaches a body of water.

Everyone who lives in an area where all water rolls down into the same body of water is in the same watershed. Topography determines the sizes and areas of a watershed, putting everyone in a specific basin.

Several local watersheds, including the Little Sewickley Creek watershed that serves Sewickley, have an organization that watches the territory, studies water run off and investigates erosion.

The groups also is working to educate residents, protect and improve the water quality and maintain the watershed as a valuable asset to the community.

Big Sewickley Creek watershed, which encompasses 11 communities from Cranberry in the north to Fair Oaks in the south, does not have such an organization. So a local group of people is trying to organize one.

"Everyone lives in a watershed. This group would help make this watershed a community effort," says Susan Barnes, founding member and resident of Fair Oaks.

The flooding from Hurricane Ivan, which actually changed the path of Big Sewickley Creek, was the catalyst that sparked efforts to form a watershed association.

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SPOTLIGHT

Community effort needed to keep kids drug free

By Jon Paul Creese

Staff writer

Drug and alcohol use among teens has been, and will be, a problem for every community.

And while law enforcement may be the front-line defense, the vigilance of a large majority of the community, not just the police or local schools, is needed.

Many people, however, are hesitant to call police when they see suspected drug activity.

"It's tough to get them to call in," District Justice Bob Ford said, stressing residents can play a pivotal role in helping local authorities keep drugs out of the communities and, therefore, away from children.

"When the older people are dealing drugs, it's only a matter of time until they filter down."

Ford, who served as a police officer in the area for 17 years, acknowledged Route 65 has long been used by drug traffickers to bring drugs into the community, but said spotting them remains a challenge.

"Ultimately, they are coming in from Pittsburgh. That's the number one area. Some are likely coming from surrounding higher drug-use areas."

"That's one reason I like to see heavy traffic enforcement. People complain about getting stopped, but that's the number-one way to get it stopped."

One of Ford's top priorities is being available for police officers.

"What I do is make sure I'm here for police when they need search or arrest warrants, so they can get them quickly."

Once drugs are in the area, they become easier for kids to find. And without the proper education and support from parents and peers, children can be prime targets for drug dealers.

Some community organizations have helped Quaker Valley School District keep drug use by minors to a minimum, according to Dr. R. Gerard Longo, QV superintendent.

"We do a lot in the way of training to teach faculty what to look for," Longo said, pointing out the district uses the Search Institute's "40 Developmental Assets" framework. This focuses on instilling qualities that young people need to make the right choices, not only those related to drug use, but for all risky behavior.

The district is also a member of Northern Alliance Against Highly Addictive Drugs and has faculty and parents working with the organization to promote education and awareness.

Quaker Valley will participate in a pilot project this fall that uses a software program directed toward binge-drinking. The program, historically geared



ONE GROUP of Osborne Elementary students celebrated their graduation from the DARE program earlier this year.

toward college students, was re-designed for younger kids.

Longo said a school district policy, based on a Supreme Court ruling that deems co-curricular activities — such as sports or band — privileges and not rights, also helps to deter students from getting into trouble.

"If students are arrested for a DUI, or something of that nature, they can be restricted," he said.

"With teens, social activities and sports have great meaning. They are less inclined to jeopardize them."

The programs' payoffs also are evidenced by only a single drug-related incidence so far this year, according to Longo.

Still, a problem exists, and Longo admitted that, just because incidence numbers may seem low, the school district has an obligation to help kids choose the right path.

"We're not perfect," he said, citing a Pennsylvania drug and alcohol survey. "We're like the rest of America. There is some sign of a problem, especially with alcohol. We are very cognizant of that."

One problem the faculty faces when it comes to monitoring students is they are only in school a short amount of time, compared to the time they spend in the community, during summers and on evenings and weekends.

The bottom line, he said, is there needs to be a community effort. "There is a lot of evidence that implicates a lot of adults," in Longo's opinion.

Some students agree.

According to informal research done by Rita Hoepp, QV teacher and friend of the Sewickley Community Asset Team (SCAT), a group that focuses on educat-

ing middle school children on drug and alcohol abuse, a majority of 80 juniors surveyed said parents' houses are some of the most likely places kids acquire alcohol.

Hoepp, who has been at QV since 1990 and is also a member of YouthConnect, an organization aimed at sparking involvement from residents and businesses in the community, said drug and alcohol use by students has stayed consistent.

"We're a community that uses alcohol," she said, implying another root cause of drug and abuse in the area. "Pot is used consistently; hard drugs come and go."

Hoepp said pills easily can be hidden, which makes them appealing to drug users as well. "They can pop it right in their mouth as they walk out the door."

Some of the juniors Hoepp spoke with said parents supply alcohol or look the other way when kids are drinking at home with friends, because they feel they are keeping the kids out of trouble, or they are able to keep tabs on how much they are drinking.

Some students think the amount of drug and alcohol use by area teens in the community may be underestimated.

"The drug problem is more prevalent than we realize," said Maggie Stevenson, a QV junior who helped form SCAT three years ago.

Maggie said the problem needs to be taken more seriously.

Emily Scioscia, also a junior and friend of SCAT, agreed.

"I had always been kind of naive. In middle school, I thought no one used drugs. When I got to high school, I realized they are used a lot."

Emily said it's important for kids to realize at a young age they can still have fun and participate in activities without resorting to using drugs and alcohol.

SCAT enforces that concept at the middle-school level.

"I hope it makes a difference to them, knowing that kids in high school are not using, and still having a good time," Emily said.

Junior Laura Christof, also a friend of SCAT, said it is important that kids with problems are able to talk to a parent, teacher or friend about drugs, noting most abusers suffer from personal problems, such as depression.

"It's not that they don't feel comfortable talking to their parents," Laura said. "I think they are afraid they will get in trouble."

She recommends that a teacher is always a good source for students to find the help they need. "They are good with confidentiality."

Whether students approach parents to discuss drugs, Ford said there are certain signs parents can be on the lookout for, such as new friends, a change in sleeping patterns and grades.

He cites programs such as DARE (Drug Awareness and Resistance Education), sponsored by local police departments, are essential to helping kids recognize the dangers of drug and alcohol abuse at a young age.

The DARE program educates middle school children on the effects of drug and alcohol abuse and empowers children to make the right choices. The program focuses on the fifth grade.

"It's one of the biggest pluses," Ford said. "It keeps kids from straying."

He stressed children with a problem who want to find help can do so without the fear of punishment. He is normally able to find leniency within the law for first-time teenage offenders, relying on community service sentences and follow-up counseling whenever possible.

Ford has not seen any cases of 12- or 13-year-olds using marijuana, which he believes is the most popular narcotic among teens, since he took office in late June. He attributes the low numbers to the DARE program's success.

He estimated that heroin use may be on the rise among teens, although he has not tried any cases this year.

"Heroin seems to be coming into the picture. We're seeing more and more of it, though, not so much with the younger crowd."

But, if Ford's trickle-down theory is correct, now is the time for community action. YouthConnect will sponsor a SCAT meeting Thursday, Oct. 27, from 7 to 9 p.m. at the QV Middle School. All are welcome to attend.

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QUAKER VALLEY

District takes look at utility costs

By Dona S. Dreeland

Editor

With a little help from OnDemand Energy Solutions, the district may be able to cut utility costs. And until that happens, it won't pay a penny.

The school board approved a contract with the utility management services company last week.

OnDemand staff will analyze bills, help negotiate contracts and conduct energy audits, and if the solutions reap budget benefits for Quaker Valley, only then will the company be paid via a share of the cost savings.

Both parties must agree that savings came from the recommendation for the company to earn one-half of the amount for 24 months.

In fact, the district is looking to save energy dollars where it can.

Last summer, Tom Foster, administrative services assistant director with responsibility for building maintenance, and John Sheline, director of finance, discussed general operations expenses. A 10-percent reduction in energy consumption district wide was their goal, Foster said.

And with the three major gas companies announcing double-digit increases for the

next three months, he and Sheline will stay even more focused.

"We'd like to reduce consumption by 10 percent," Foster said, "but who knows where the costs are going to be?"

With Allegheny Intermediate Unit's (AIU) purchasing power, the price of gas and electricity is guaranteed at QV and the 40 other districts in the consortium until December when the contract will be renegotiated.

The AIU purchases energy futures on the spot market from third party suppliers.

But even with bulk-rates, QV pays about \$400,000 in heating, cooling and electricity for all four buildings per year.

The high school is the most expensive building because of its size and hours of use.

Some savings will come from simply turning out the lights in empty classrooms (lighting is the biggest cost per building per year) or keeping building thermostats a few degrees cooler this winter.

Spring and fall, he said, are the most difficult seasons to make adjustments inside buildings with the cool mornings and summer-like afternoons outside.

"Do you turn the boiler on

for an hour or two in the morning to take off the chill?" he asked.

But energy concerns don't begin when the children enter the schools.

Gasoline costs also are being reviewed.

At present, the district purchases fuel through Sewickley Borough for its trucks and buses. It spends \$1.70 a gallon through a contract negotiated last spring. While districts don't pay the usual taxes, this price does not reflect recent increases at the pumps.

With diesel costs at \$10.00 to \$11.00 per month and gasoline for district trucks at \$1.00 per month, Foster estimates fuel costs at \$110,000 to \$115,000 per year. AIU's gasoline consortium is being reviewed.

Administrators are looking at consolidating some of the bus stops and bus runs. And they're asking principals and faculty to reconsider field trips during the course of the year.

By big steps and little ones — and suggestions from school staffs — changes will be made in what is spent on utilities.

"We want the buildings to run efficiently and to eliminate the waste," said Foster.

"We asking everyone to direct taxpayer dollars where they belong — to education."

Board approves new administrative salaries

The vote was two shy of unanimous when the board approved the 2005-06 administrative compensation packages.

In accordance with Act 93, a state required agreement, each administrator is evaluated once a year for performance and salary increases provided.

Recommendations come from Dr. R. Gerard Longo, superintendent.

The district uses a salary range — bottom, middle and top — in order to keep salaries competitive with other comparable districts.

Dr. Florence Iwler and Marianne Wagner could not support a \$1,500 bonus given to Dr. Joseph Marrone, director of administrative services.

It wasn't the money for Iwler. Rather it was the "bonus" designation.

"I think Joe does a great job.

I would prefer the Act 93 agreement be changed to lift the ceiling and to include the possibility of a bonus."

In his years with the district, Marrone's compensation has plateaued at the top, including merit pay.

"This has nothing to do with Joe," said Wagner. "I just don't think this is the time for giving bonuses."

"We are facing increased natural gas and fuel prices. It's not the time," said Wagner.

Increases for this year average 3.3 percent and range from 3 to 5 percent. Total administrative payroll increased by \$47,191 from last year.

Salaries

John Sheline, director of finance, \$90,950

Dr. Deborah Deakin, coordinator of instruction, \$104,249

Kathleen Good, QVMS assistant principal, \$78,160

Dr. Kenneth Powell, QVMS principal, \$89,350

Amy Kern, Edgeworth Elementary principal, \$77,250

Dr. Jeanne Johnson, Osborne Elementary principal, \$104,675

Betsy Klasnick, supervisor of food service, \$68,365

Dr. Sally Kush, director of pupil services, \$85,135

Dr. Joseph Marrone, director, administrative services, \$111,795

Thomas Foster, assistant director, administrative services, \$75,165

Karlton Chapman, associate director, administrative services, \$99,100

Dominick Costanza, behavioral specialist, \$46,230

Donna Harshman, supervisor of transportation, \$49,100

Celia Janosik, assistant to director of finance, \$47,300

John Hanna, communications, \$30,900

Leah Wells, psychologist, \$55,549

Dr. Heidi Ondek, QVHS principal, \$93,050

Andrew Surloff, QVHS assistant principal, \$67,400

REGION

Community awareness rises to organize watershed group

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Several homes and businesses along the creek were affected by the storm and some residents say tires, debris and whole cars are still in the 21-mile body of water.

Many of those affected by the floodwaters last September turned out for a meeting earlier this month to see if there was enough interest to form a watershed group.

Barness says taking steps to form an association will help prevent future flooding because the group will work to make sure issues that need to be addressed, are addressed.

The association also will work to find available money and follow through to make certain projects are completed. However, not all decisions for this creek will be made on Ivan's impact. Neither will dredging the existing creek bed solve all of the problems.

"This is a massive, massive problem," says Ron Beers, a teacher at Quaker Valley High School who is working with his students to form the watershed.

"The problem is 11 municipalities-large. The only people who can solve the problem are the people who have the problem. And it's going to take as long to undo it as it did to happen."

Adding to the problem is the fact that all of the municipalities in the watershed have different zoning and storm water plans.

And most lack funding to properly address all issues in the creek. Communities on the upper end of the creek may not even be aware that what they affects everyone below them.

Since the Big Sewickley Creek watershed flows into the Ohio River, which flows into the Mississippi River then onto the Gulf of Mexico, everything done in this watershed affects many others down the line.

Beers and his students have been working to raise both awareness and funds to form the watershed. So far they have raised \$5,000 to incorporate the association and offered to do everything from door to door asking questions to applying for grant money.

Barness says funding is typically not awarded to individuals who have not gone through the process of becoming an association. If the group becomes official, residents will work to raise money to maintain and to restore Big Sewickley Creek to its natural beauty.

Anyone interested in joining the Big Sewickley Creek Watershed Association may call Susan Barness at 724-266-2095.

KEEP ON TRUCKIN'

Parade favorite sent off for restoration

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community events each year.

Last year alone the truck went out to more than a dozen events including one in Washington, Pa. Members of the company even drove the truck down to Washington County for the event instead of transporting it on a trailer — not an easy feat considering the gas and brake pedals are reversed and there are no seat belts or roof.

But, as Neff says, there is just something about this truck that the community has embraced for decades.

Kids love to climb up onto it and have their picture taken, and so do adults.

"It's just a great truck," he says. And after all these years, Neff says the engine still runs well, reaching up to 45 or 50 miles per hour.

The truck actually has a rarely seen exterior fuel tank that sits behind its only seat. Since it is gravity fueled, the tank has to be on the highest part of the vehicle.

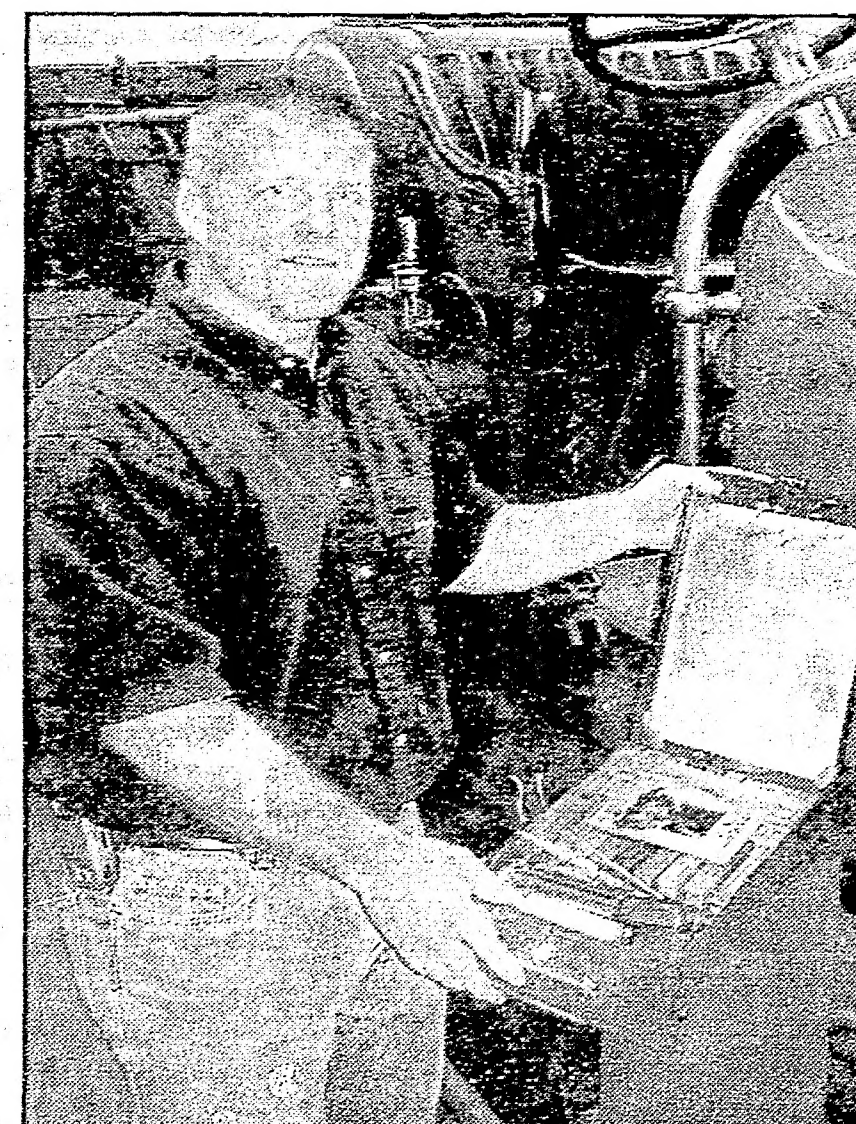
Mounted on the right hand side of the truck is the original first aid kit, although the items in it look more like poison than medicine. Also still intact is the original wooden tool box.

And, if needed, the primitive truck could still function in the capacity for which it was purchased, although that hasn't been attempted in many years.

Neff says Cochran Hose is in the process of looking for sponsors to help pay for the vehicle restoration.

With so many other organizations such as the Red Cross and Salvation Army seeking donations for disaster relief, no formal fund-raising or solicitation has been coordinated yet for this venture.

Until the shiny "new" truck is back home in Sewickley, Neff says Cochran Hose's other fire vehicles will be hitting the parade circuit so that no one will miss the cherished opportunity of



FIRE CHIEF Jeff Neff shows off the original first aid kit that is still mounted on the right hand side of the truck. The original first aid kit, still intact, is full of rudimentary medicines in small glass bottles. But don't fear, the first aid manual is sure to explain everything.

climbing up on a real fire truck and getting their picture taken.

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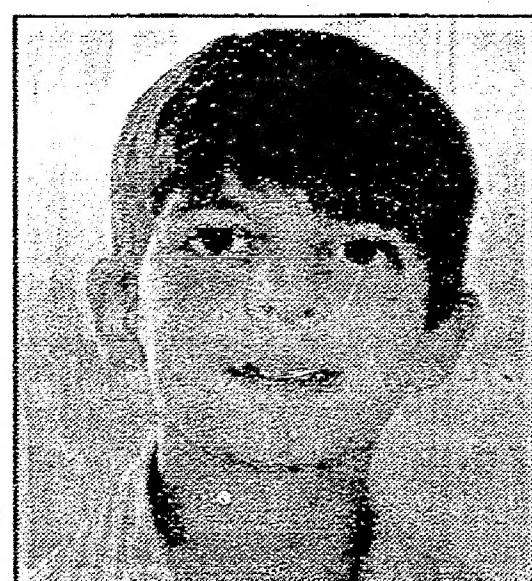
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VILLAGE VOICES

First-graders respond: What do you like most about the fall?



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Edgeworth Elementary
"I like to jump in the leaves."



AUSTIN WETZEL
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"Football. I play flag football."



JORDAN MARTIN
Osborne Elementary
"I like to jump in the leaves."



TOMMY LASORDA
Osborne Elementary
"...jumping in the leaves."



SARAH FRUEHAUF
Osborne Elementary
"I like jumping in the leaves and raking them and eating apple pie."

EDITORIAL

Repeal pay raise or face public's wrath

With the state House and Senate back in Harrisburg, lawmakers' first order of business ought to be repealing their outrageous pay raise and the legislative end-run that let them take the money now as "unvouchered expenses."

There are many other important issues, but the pay raise looms so large in the public's awareness that reversing it ought to be the top priority.

The pay raise and the sneaky way it was passed are textbook examples of government at its worst. So is the devious mechanism that lawmakers came up with to circumvent the state constitution's prohibition against lawmakers receiving a midterm pay hike.

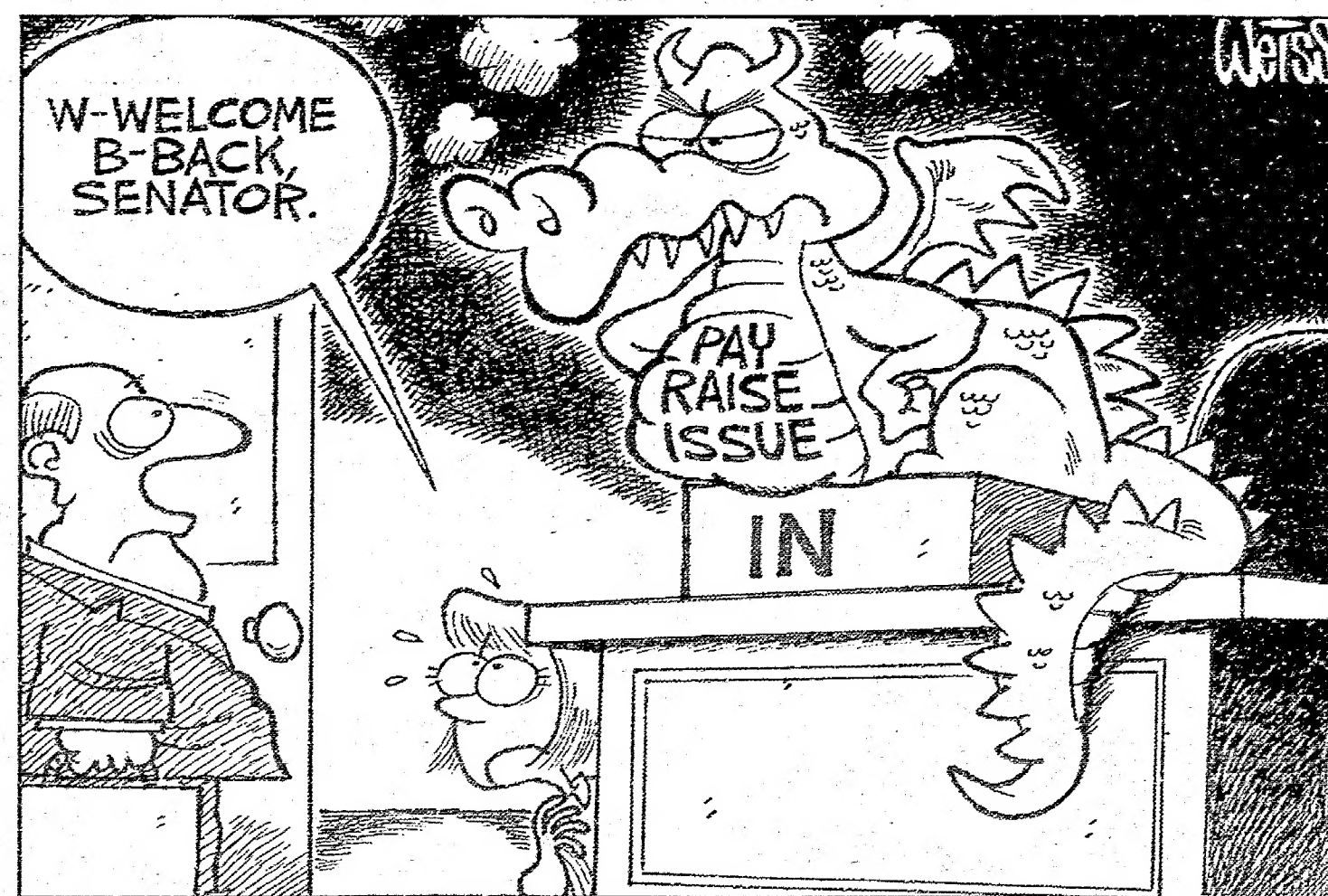
The people are likely to view anything else that lawmakers do as a diversion from the pay-raise issue. For other matters to be dealt with effectively, the pay-raise stench must be cleared from the air in Harrisburg first.

And given the public's anger over the pay raise, lawmakers ought to be jumping on the bandwagon for repeal.

We'd like to see all lawmakers who voted for the pay raise admit the vote was wrong and place themselves in the forefront of repeal supporters.

These lawmakers will hand prospective opponents a sure-fire campaign issue unless they repudiate their pro-pay-raise votes. If preserving their jobs isn't enough to motivate them to reverse their pay-raise stance, well, maybe they really are political dunces.

If the leaders of the Republican



majorities in both houses think the public will let them get away with squashing repeal legislation short of a floor vote, they deserve the political-dunce label, too.

So does Democratic Gov. Ed Rendell if he doesn't reverse his pay-raise support.

The sooner the pay raise is repealed, the better. We think lawmakers and Rendell should do so as quickly as possible.

If lawmakers actually represent their

constituents' views, they'll eliminate the pay raise and "unvouchered expenses" immediately.

If they don't, the people should — and likely will — eliminate them from the ranks of elected officials.

By Alan Wallace
Gateway editor

■ Local legislators Sen. John Pippy and Rep. Sean Ramaley voted against the pay raise and did not take it. Rep. Mark Mustio voted for the raise but now will not accept the money.

October 5, 2005

VIEWPOINT

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Aleppo GGG holds candidates night

Dear Editor:

Residents of Aleppo owe a great debt to volunteer/interim Solicitor Gianni Floro for mediating a settlement to the Smith litigation.

On Monday, Sept. 19, three commissioners wrangled a majority and voted "yes" to settle on behalf of Aleppo.

As positive as this is, two commissioners refused to settle. These two, Oliver Poppenberg and Linda Talmon, are to remain in office until 2008.

The other three commissioners' terms expire Dec. 31, and if the residents of Aleppo do not carefully screen the candidates, trouble will no doubt continue.

Two candidates were selected in the May primary, and thus far at least four other residents voiced a desire to be "write-in" candidates.

The non-partisan Good Government Group of Aleppo Township is encouraging more candidates, because we believe residents need good, solid choices.

The GGG also believes residents should know the candi-

dates well before they go to the polls. After all, it takes more than a pleasing personality to run a \$1 million township.

The GGG is organizing a Meet the Candidates Night for all Aleppo residents and candidates, Thursday, Oct. 13, at 7 p.m., at the Masonic Village Clubhouse auditorium.

Any resident with questions about voter registration, absentee ballots, write-in voting, can view explanations at <http://mysite.verizon.net/resqwkha>.

To inquire about transportation to the Candidates Night, or if you are interested in running as a write-in candidate, contact Kevin McKeigue, GGG Deputy Chair, at 412-749-1028, or send an e-mail to aleppoggg@verizon.net.

Benjamin Cornelius,
GGG chair,
Aleppo

P.S. As a reminder, there are two other important election dates:

Oct. 8 - If you recently moved to Aleppo and need to register to vote, this is the last day to mail your completed

registration form so it will be received at the Allegheny County Elections Division by their Oct. 11 deadline.

Oct. 29 - If you need/want to vote by Absentee Ballot (which is the easiest way to vote for write-in candidates), this is the last day to mail in your completed ballot so it will be received by the Nov. 1 deadline.

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See how to connect with your neighbors via Letters to the Editor on Page 8.

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Village merchants take part in Gallery Walk

Sewickley's annual Fall Gallery Walk will be held Friday, Oct. 7, from 6-9 p.m.

In addition to the many galleries taking part in this annual fall event, local businesses will keep their shops open until 7 p.m. or later.

■ The Sewickley Eye Center at 400 Broad St. will be hosting an open house, celebrating the relocation of their Sewickley office.

Popcorn will be served out front with refreshments served inside the office.

■ At the Nickelodeon Mall: The Clay Café, Razzle Dazzle, Serafino's, Sean's Signature Salon and Chatterbox will host a Block Party with a live band and refreshments.

■ Prizes donated by the following merchants will be raffled off at a Chinese auction, with all proceeds going toward the 2005 Yuletide Event. An arm's length of tickets may be purchased for \$20 at the Sewickley Chamber of Commerce Booth.

Prizes were donated by Spoiled Chicks the Boutique,

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On the Gallery Walk

Several galleries and shops will exhibit fine artwork and hold receptions for the artists.

This event is free and open to the public. Exhibits will remain on display through October.

■ The Sewickley Gallery, at 549 Beaver St., will present a new exhibit of watercolors by international artist and architect Victor Beltran.

Beltran will introduce paintings and limited edition prints of Pittsburgh and Sewickley circa 1910.

■ International Images Gallery on Beaver Street will offer work by mixed media works by Ukrainian Artist

Lucien Dulfan.

Dulfan's subjects range from antiquity to old master paintings to contemporary themes, such as orbiting in space—all lyrically presented.

Visitors to the gallery may meet the artist to discuss with him his theories of Dulfanism.

To round out the festivities of the evening, Argentinian violinist, Pablo of the Serenading Strings will entertain guests at International Images.

■ Habitat Hardware will have original oil paintings on display by Pittsburgh painter Phil Salvato.

Salvato is a published fine art painter of portraiture, figure and plein air landscape painting.

■ Another artist reception will be held near Habitat Hardware on Locust Place at Cuttings Flowers. Marcy Holquist will display her fine art photography.

■ The Sewickley Library, at 500 Thorn St., will hold an artist reception displaying calligraphy by Gayle Reed.

Reed is a former art teacher

who enjoys working with a variety of media, including calligraphy, drawing, painting, relief printing, polymer clay and papier mache.

■ The Bird in the Hand Gallery on Broad Street will have a variety of paintings and sculpture on display. Handicrafts will be on sale for 20 percent off.

■ Also on Broad Street, the Sweetwater Center for the Arts will introduce its annual Mavuno Festival 2005 with an opening reception.

The word Mavuno means "first fruit" in Swahili, and is an allusion to the celebratory aspect of the harvest season.

The sole purpose of the Mavuno Festival is to celebrate diversity and all aspects of the arts that are created by African Americans.

The art exhibition will display the African-American voice throughout the region, an integral part of Mavuno 2005.

The Paul Thompson Jazz Trio will perform.

For more information on the Gallery Walk, call 412-741-5858.

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OLD TO NEW

Heights begins recycling

By Andrea L. Zrimsek

Staff writer

Trash talking has begun in the quiet community of Sewickley Heights. Only this time, it's a positive thing.

The borough held a "trash gala" on Saturday at the maintenance building along Fern Hollow Road as a kickoff to its new community-wide recycling effort.

"We really didn't have a community spirit of recycling," says David Genter, mayor.

"And I thought 'we can do this.'"

So Genter began talking with other members of the community about bringing a recycling bin to the maintenance building in which people could bring their recyclables.

This would replace the current method many use for recycling, which is to lug glass, plastic and paper to Edgeworth every two weeks. And it will also encourage those who currently do not recycle, to begin.

Genter sent a mailing to all Sewickley Heights residents informing them about the trash gala. And he says he got a great response including many people who asked why it took so long.

"Everybody is excited about it," he says.

In the first hour of the event, more than 30 cars and trucks stuffed with recyclables pulled up to the 30-cubic-yard green bin and unloaded.

Many then refueled on the free coffee and homemade baked goods Genter had waiting.

About once month, or when the container is filled, it will be emptied and the contents will be trucked to Unipaper Recycling Co. in Carnegie, where it will be processed.

Jim Cosman, a Sewickley Heights resident who has worked in the trash industry for three decades, assisted with the planning of the event and coordination of the ongoing recycling program.



DAVID GENTER, Sewickley Heights mayor, deposits a bag of recyclables into the new bin at the maintenance building on Fern Hollow Road. Residents now can drop off recyclables at the site anytime during daylight hours.

Photo by Andrea Zrimsek

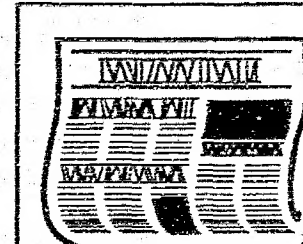
He says this is day was just a stepping stone in the lifelong process of recycling.

"This will grow and grow and grow," he says.

And Genter agrees, saying eventually the recycling bin will be a meeting place for residents to sell used items to each other. Something, he says, is already done regularly in New England.

The new recycling bin will be available every day during daylight hours at the maintenance building along Fern Hollow Road in Sewickley Heights.

Plastic 1 and 2, glass, paper, newspaper and aluminum are being accepted. Items need not be separated but should be placed in bags.



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Glenfield: 2nd Tuesday, 7 p.m., at Riverside Park;

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AUTUMN EXCITEMENT

Tips for a lush, healthy lawn

(MS) — Homeowners go to in top shape during the summer. great lengths to keep their lawns But when autumn leaves start to

fall, many just abandon their lawns until the following spring.

Many people are unaware that how you care for your lawn in the fall can significantly determine its health the following year. Here are five fall lawn care tips from the experts at Lawn-Boy to ensure a healthy lawn next spring.

1. Fall fertilizing. Fertilizing in the fall is important in helping your lawn strengthen its root system to ensure its survival over the winter and lushness in the spring.

2. Keep watering. Make sure your lawn gets at least one inch of water per week. Even dormant turf continues to lose

water and can be injured if it gets too dry.

3. Seeding and weed control. Seeding is most-effective in the fall. You should seed if your lawn is thin, has poor color, or is diseased. Fall is also a good time for weed control.

4. Keep your lawn clear of debris. To prevent stress on your lawn from lack of light, remove leaves no later than two weeks after they fall.

5. Fall is a good time to aerate. Aeration is the process of punching holes in the turf and removing soil cores. Aeration helps strengthen your lawn's root system and maintain a thicker, greener lawn with fewer weeds.

These five simple tips will help to ensure a healthy lawn next spring. For more information on fall lawn care and other lawn care tips, call (800) LBMOWER (1-800-526-6937) or visit www.lawn-boy.com.

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Photo by Tim Edmonson

QV jugglers host car wash

Quaker Valley Middle School Juggling Club will host its 7th annual Fall Car Wash fundraiser in the middle school parking lot on Thursday, Oct. 13, from 3:15 - 5:15 p.m.

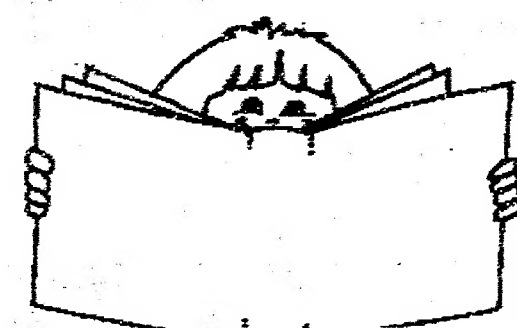
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STUDENT FORUM

'Aimless' is new four-year plan

By Alie Gensheimer

Student columnist

Having lived for 17 years, I have grown fond of many hobbies such as running, writing, tennis and piano playing.

Never having fully mastered any of these diversions, I recently felt the need to become proficient in a new pursuit. Unsure of what skill I could succeed in, I soon found the answer in an unrelenting question, one universal to all high school seniors: What are your plans for college?

As studies have shown, students are asked the question anywhere from 10 to 20 times per week.

So rather than grinding my teeth, rolling my eyes, mumbling or simply walking away when asked, I am taking a new approach to it by using it to my advantage to hone an assortment of lifetime skills.

For me, the name of the game is darts.

Ironically, this version of darts has no specific target and unlike tennis, where I risk losing a match, or piano, where I could strike a wrong note, is always a guaranteed victory.

All I need to play is an enlarged map of the country and a sharp object to launch at it.

For those who belong to the near- or far-sighted community, corrective lenses are not necessary in order to play. In this game, an aimless toss will determine everything but your destiny.

More accurately, it will determine the university of choice you will name as your first choice in answer to the predictable question.

Anticipating a mob of socially awkward and indifferent middle-aged adults at a recent family picnic, I decided to have a few tosses of the dart before making an appearance.



Alie Gensheimer

The dart had no trouble coming to a verdict, and in seconds, notified me that I was looking at school in San Diego, Boston, and Topeka, Kan.

I rapidly searched the Internet for schools in these cities and the basic stats regarding majors, classes and life on campus.

Though some may consider this form of entertainment fraudulent, it actually opens up doors to unfamiliar universities and areas of the country that could just be a perfect fit.

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Who knows? Your destiny could lie within an aimless toss of a dart that is in fact, sharper than you are.

Alie Gensheimer is a senior at Quaker Valley High School and is interested in journalism. She writes her own column in *The Quaker Quill*. She also studied creative non-fiction writing at the University of Pittsburgh this summer and plans to continue writing through college. Currently, she is hunting for a college that will harbor her interests.

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HAPPENINGS

Sweetwater marks 30-year milestone

Just 30 years ago, a group of Sewickley leaders recognized the need for arts in the community and Sweetwater Center for the Arts was born.

A reception will take place on Saturday, Oct. 8, at the Sewickley Heights Golf Club from 6 to 8 p.m. to celebrate the anniversary.

There will be a cash bar for cocktails and an array of hors d'oeuvres.

Sweetwater instructors and students will provide art and music.

The price is \$50 per person. For reservations, call 412-741-4405.

Senior Men's Club

Don Brainerd, SMC treasurer, will be the guest speaker for this week's meeting of the Senior Men's Club at Sewickley Valley YMCA.

He will perform "The Great Brainerd," a magic show for the membership.

Brainerd, who has been performing as Brainerd for 15 years, worked in sales and marketing positions with DuPont for 30 years and Sun Chemical for 17 years.

He is a member of the Society of American Magicians and the International Brotherhood of Magicians.

The club meets each Friday at 9:30 a.m. for conversation and coffee. The program begins at 10 a.m. All area retired men are invited to attend the meeting and to join the club.

Special guest speaker

Sean Barron will be speaking at The Watson Institute on Camp Meeting Road from 6:30 to 8 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 12.

The author of "There's a Boy in Here" and "Unwritten Rules of Social Relationships" will address the world of high-functioning autism.

This event is free; however, seating is limited. Reservations are required. Call 412-749-2880 to reserve a seat.

Outdoor Market

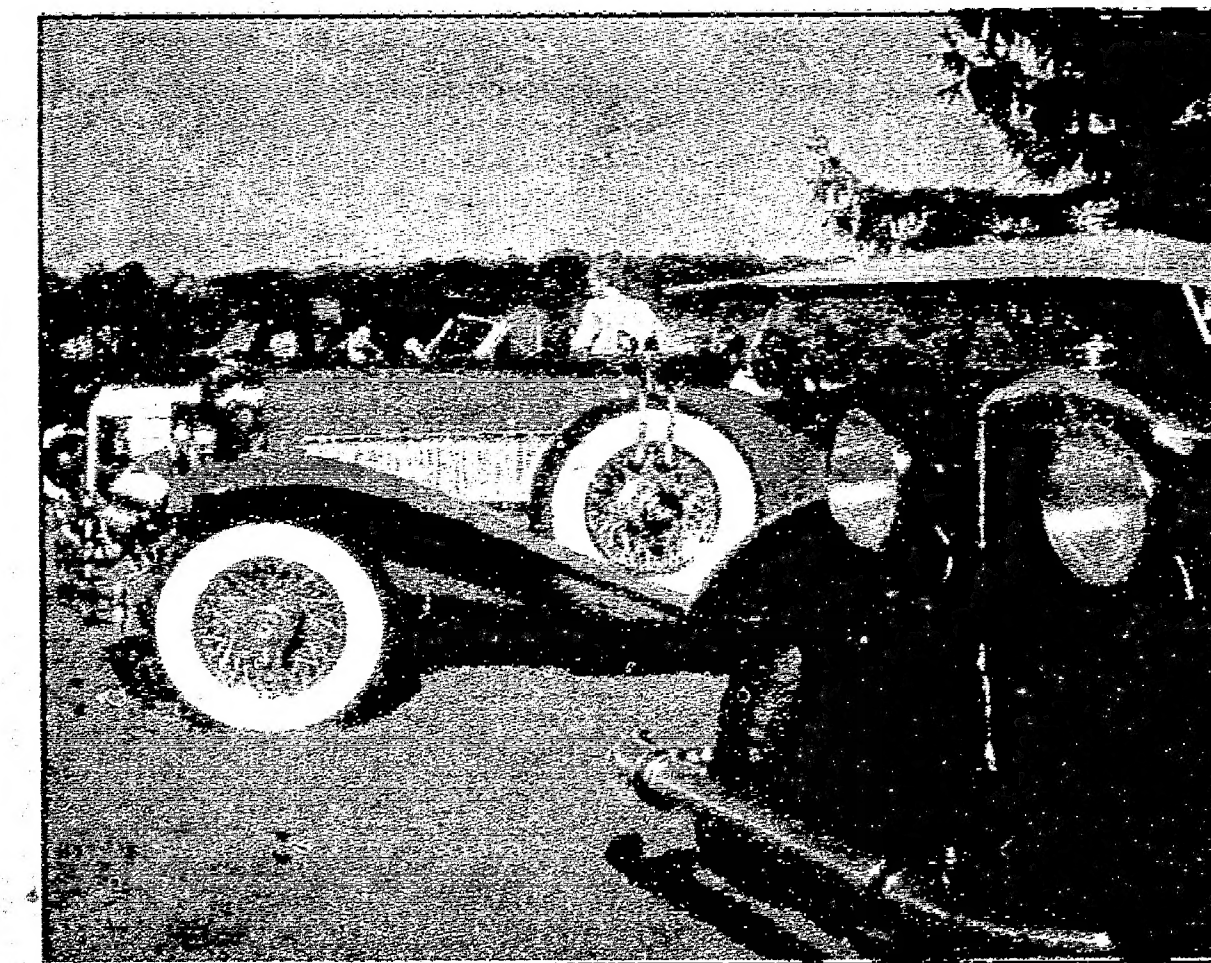
A Relay For Life Market will be held at Quaker Valley High School's track from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 22. The market will include a craft sale, flea market, bake sale and more.

Table space is available. Fee is \$5 for pre-registered Relay for Life teams, and \$10 for all others.

For more information or to register for a table, call Marianne at 412-749-5557, Ext. 2307 or call Vicki at 412-749-5557, Ext. 2112.



BILL ROBERTS (right) helped to organize the antique car collection for Saturday's Riding and Driving Party at Sewickley Heights History Center. Rick Brown has a lifelong love of classic autos.



ANTIQUE CARS, like the 1929 red Duesenberg hand-built by Robert Nye of New Castle, caught the attention of guests at the party, an event reminiscent of the Heights' heyday. Horses and riders also took part in the open air celebration.

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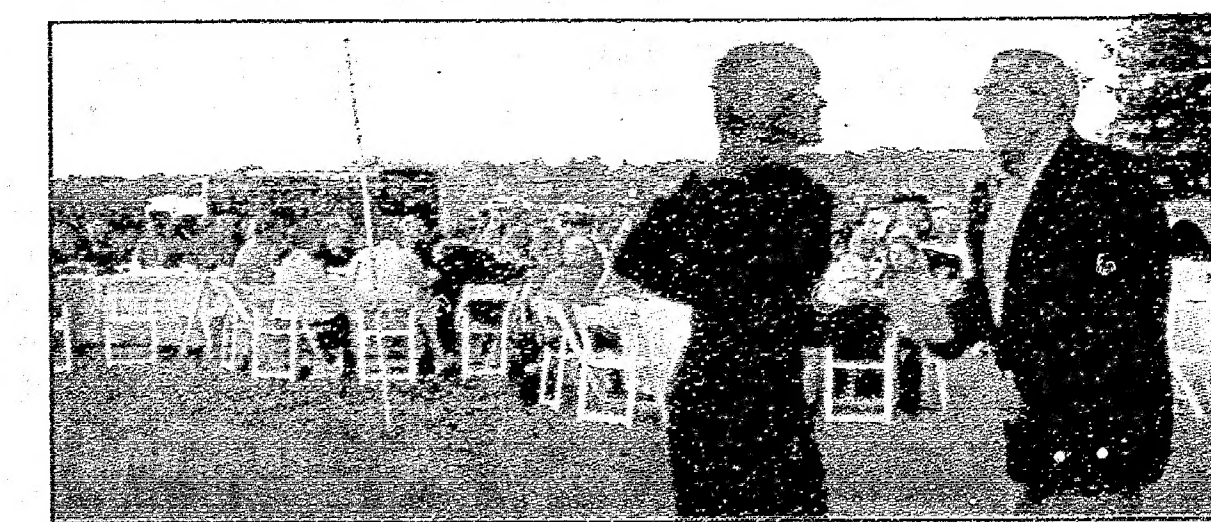
Keeping the dream



G. WHITNEY Snyder, captured above in a mural by artist Richard Smith, left a legacy for decades to come in the Sewickley Heights History Center, Fern Hollow Nature Center and Sewickley Heights Park.



INSIDE SEWICKLEY Heights History Center, there are artifacts of the borough's grand old days.



FINE FOOD and dancing to the sounds of Dean Martin and Frank Sinatra sound-alikes were also part of the party. Above, Tony Raso and Kathy Masciola, among the more than 120 guests, take a turn on the floor as the sun sets on the evening.

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HUNDREDS OF guests enjoyed the comforts of the Edgeworth Club this weekend at the Child Health Association of Sewickley's fund-raiser, the 6th annual Sewickley Valley Antique Show. Jack Squires (at right), an antique appraiser, lent his years of experience to the group to organize the show. Items form \$50 to \$75,000 were offered from 32 dealers from across the U.S. Squires also presented an "Antiques 101" lecture as a part of the fund-raiser. (Bottom, right) Lowrie Ebbert (left) and Marnie Berger of Squirrel Hill stopped by the show on Saturday. (Bottom, left) Wayne Jones of the North Side catches his reflection in an antique mirror.

Photos by Andrea Zrimsek



CLUB DATES

Sewickley Music Club begins season

Members of the Sewickley Music Club will gather for their new season on Tuesday, Oct. 11, at 1:30 p.m.

Duo Jacobian — flutist Suzanne Levinson and cellist Joseph Bishkoff — will perform.

Co-hostesses of the event will be Marjorie Johnson, Gloria Kelley, Dorothy Urda and Virginia Wright.

The club was founded in 1921 to bring the best of musicians and vocalists to Sewickley.

Officers for this year are Cordelia Jacobs, president; Charlotte Bober, vice president; SallyAnn Cortese, secretary; and Florence Nesaw, treasurer.

Next on the calendar are performances by Professor Emeritus Henry Spinelli, pianist, on Tuesday, Nov. 8, at 1:30 p.m.

He will present "A Musical Reflection on the Henry Clay Frick 1906 Steinway Grand Piano."

The group will meet in the Robinson Room of The Presbyterian Church of Sewickley.

Co-hostesses will be Mid Ice, Peggy Robinette, Joan Smith and Barbara Taylor.

On Tuesday, Dec. 14, members will "Celebrate the Season" with a brass quintet, featuring members of the Pittsburgh Symphony, at the Edgeworth Club.

This event will be hosted by the executive board members.

New Orleans family now calls Sewickley Valley home

By Andrea L. Zrimsek

Staff writer

The population at Jay and Cynthia Kolls' Edgeworth home has nearly doubled in the past few weeks.

In addition to their own three children, Gregory, 15, Larkin, 14, and Trevor, 9, the Kolls are now sharing their abode with Cynthia's sister and her three children who were residents of New Orleans until Hurricane Katrina hit.

"We were lucky," Anne says. "Our house is still there."

The Bevolos' home is Orleans Parish in the high strip along the river that was not flooded. It did suffer roof damage and is still without electricity or water. The debris in the streets is still a health threat.

So Anne and her children, Amy, 11, Jack, 9, and Matthew, 7, have settled here for the school year while her husband, Drew, remains in Louisiana trying to rebuild his business.

While Anne says her husband always predicted something like this would happen one day, she wasn't so convinced. When the storm was brewing out in the ocean, Anne says she was looking through cabinet magazines trying to find a new style suitable for the home they had just moved into in April.

It wasn't until a friend called and warned her about the impending storm that she realized how much of a threat it was.

Having always lived in Louisiana,



SISTERS CYNTHIA Kolls (left) and Anne Bevolos are living under one roof in Edgeworth after Anne's home in New Orleans was damaged by Hurricane Katrina. Cynthia's children, Trevor and Larkin (middle row), are now sharing their home with cousins Matthew, Jack and Amy (front row). Not pictured is Cynthia's oldest child, Gregory, Cynthia's husband, Jay, and Anne's husband, Drew.

Photo by Andrea Zrimsek

both Anne and Cynthia say evacuating for a hurricane is no big deal.

"You just go through the motions," says Cynthia, who moved from New Orleans to the Sewickley area just two years ago. "You've done it before and it's always a false alarm."

So Anne, much like in the past, packed two days' worth of shorts and T-shirts for herself and the kids and headed up to her friend's home in Baton Rouge. This was something she had

done many times before. Only this time, she knew things were different.

"This time we couldn't go home," Anne says.

She found a home in Baton Rouge where the family could stay. However, since so many evacuees fled to Baton Rouge, its population had instantly doubled. There was crime, traffic and gas shortages, plus the schools were rapidly overfilling.

Since Amy is handicapped and needs

a bit more attention than an overcrowded public school can offer, Anne quickly accepted Cynthia's offer to come to Pittsburgh and stay for as long as she needed. She left Baton Rouge on Friday, Sept. 2, and arrived in Pittsburgh for the first time two days later.

The day after Labor Day she went to Quaker Valley and registered the kids for school.

Matthew and Jack started the next day at Edgeworth, and Amy started the following week at Osborne because that school has an elevator.

Matthew's teacher called the house before his first day to talk with Anne, and many local residents have stopped by the house to drop off Barbie dolls for Amy and toys for Jack and Matthew.

But what touched both Anne and Cynthia the most was when the cafeteria workers at Osborne presented them with four handmade quilts; one for Anne and one for each of her children.

"People have been so nice," Anne says.

The worst part of the whole situation, Anne says, is the kids being displaced from school and away from their dad for so long. Aside from that, their family made it through the storm far better than many others.

She says now that she knows they are staying in Pittsburgh, she is starting to feel a bit homesick. But she also says she is fortunate to have landed where she did.

"It's starting to feel like home."

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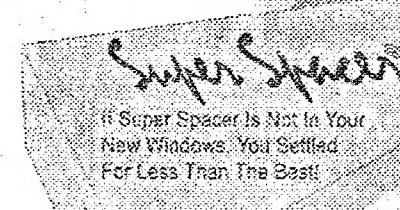
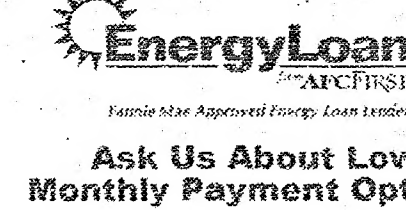
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THOMAS-SOUTH

Lauren Evans Thomas and Patrick Cameron South were married in a double ring ceremony at St. James Church in Sewickley on June 25, 2005.

The bride wore a floor-length gown of duchess satin designed by Jeannette Russell in Sewickley.

Along with her bouquet of baby white roses and freesia, the bride carried an ivory fan that also had been carried by her mother, grandmother and great-grandmother at their weddings.

The Rev. George Wilt, friend of the groom's family, officiated at the Nuptial Mass. Musicians from the Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra played during the ceremony and were accompanied by vocalist Etta Cox.

The bride is the daughter of Steve and Judith Thomas of Edgeworth and the granddaughter of the late Joseph F. Mulach Jr. of Upper St. Clair and Mary Evans Dickson of New York City, and the late Doris and Dewey Thomas of Monterey, Calif.

The bride graduated from Sewickley Academy and Boston College. She is a senior account manager for the advertising and public relations firm, Princeton Partners Inc.

The groom is the son of Hank and Barbara South of Edgeworth, and the grandson of Furman South III and the late Kay South of Sewickley, and John Byron Gibson and the late Mary W. Gibson of the South Hills.

The groom graduated from Quaker Valley High School and Cornell University. He earned an M.B.A. from The Darden School at The University of Virginia.

He is an investment officer with Hirtle,



Lauren and Patrick South

the back yard. The Duquesne Club catered the sit down dinner, and afterwards guests danced to the music of Backstage from Washington, D.C.

Bridesmaids who grew up in the Sewickley area included Jennifer Riordan Miller, matron of honor; Courtney South Schorr, sister of the groom; and Kate Arbogast, Madeleine Wickwire Rial, Trina Lorch and Libby Stein Karmely.

Bridesmaids Alexandra Perez and Karen Shuman were college roommates of the bride.

Best man was the groom's brother, Stephen South. Groomsmen from the Sewickley area included Ross Thomas, brother of the bride, and Michael Riordan.

Cornell roommates and groomsmen were David LaRocca, Douglas Gault and Stephen Gonzalez, along with the groom's brother-in-law, Captain William Schorr,

died Sept. 27, 2005, at age 88.

ration and pre-payment is by Oct. 12. Space is limited. 266-4500, Ext. 101, for more to register. The regis-

UPCOMING

Events support local groups

On Saturday, Oct. 22, guests attending the third annual Country Club Crawl, sponsored by the Sewickley Valley Hospital Foundation, will enjoy an evening of surprise and mystery.

Outstanding new menus will be prepared at every stop along the way.

The order for this year's crawl will be different from other years with guests arriving first at the Allegheny Country Club where the first surprise of the evening will take place. Guests will board the trolleys en route to the next stop for cocktails and hors d'oeuvres, but their destination is a mystery.

The next stop is an elegant dinner at the Edgeworth Club, and it's back to Allegheny to finish the evening with

fabulous desserts and dancing.

Exceptional new entertainment from Pittsburgh will be featured throughout the evening. Donors who join a new level of sponsorship called the "Mystery Donor" will be treated to some pleasant surprise "mysteries" throughout the evening.

Another feature of the evening is the outstanding Silent Auction featuring works by local artists.

Last year's event was sold out two weeks early. All proceeds will benefit Sewickley Valley Hospital's emergency department expansion.

For more information on the Crawl, contact the Sewickley Valley Hospital Foundation at 412-741-7121 or visit www.heritagevalley.org.

Garden workshop at Old Economy

Join the experts on Saturday, Oct. 15, at Old Economy Village to learn "creative ways to use the bounty from your garden".

Workshop participants will find out how to obtain more from their fruit, herb and flower gardens. They will obtain home and holiday decorating ideas as each individual makes simple, easy-to-do projects using resources found in their own backyard.

Enthusiastic gardeners and inspired, imaginative souls will discover how to prepare herbal vinegars with Suzanne Carney, to make dried apple folk dolls with Nancy Young, potpourri with Sharon Antoline and dried floral arrangements with Shirley Mutz.

Lunch and refreshments will be



tration fee is \$30 for Harmonie Associates members and \$35 for non-members.

The program runs 9:30 a.m. - 2:15 p.m.

Savoring Sewickley

The Friends of the Sewickley Public Library ever-popular fundraising event returns for its sixth year on Sunday, Oct. 16, from 6-9 p.m.

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SPORTS



Peanut Heaven

By Jon Paul Creese

Fetterolf nets game-winning goal against SA

For years, raucous backyard brawls between the Quakers and Panthers boys' soccer teams have fueled intense battles, often resulting in one- and two-point goal deficits for the losing side.

This year is no different. In fact, last week's rivalry game was pretty much run-of-the-mill (if a non-section match between two Class AA powerhouses can be classified with a mundane cliché that lacks pizzazz).

In other words, the Quakers, who defeated the Panthers 2-0 in 2003 and lost to them twice last year, 1-0 and 2-0, turned the tables once again for a 1-0 victory at Chuck Knox Stadium last week.

Pretty standard stuff. What is truly remarkable about the Quaker Victory is the player who scored the goal.

Ryan Fetterolf, junior, chalked one up for QV. Up until last year, his brother, Scott, now a university freshman, was a team leader for the Panthers.

And therein lies the irony. Fetterolf's goal put the spotlight on his brother, a Division I lacrosse recruit, once again, as it served as a reminder that Scott's absence is felt keenly by the Panthers this year.

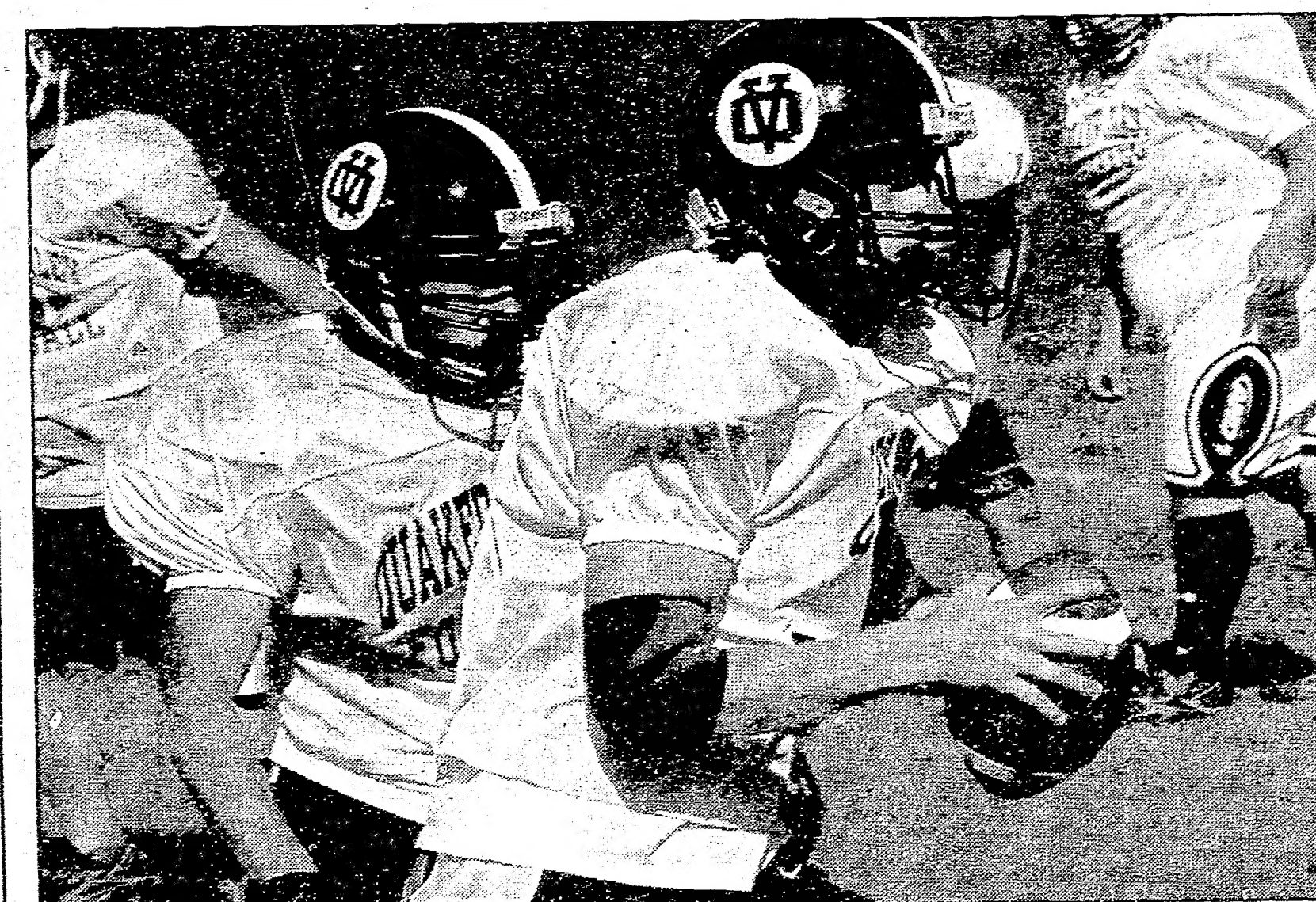
But Fetterolf, who is used to ceding the limelight to his older brother, especially during historic rivalry matches between two sparring schools, finally accrued some glory of his own.

Kudos to Fetterolf for redeeming the 2004 Quakers with a victory over the formidable Panthers and proving to everyone that his namesake is worth its weight in goals.

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PROFILE ...



MATT SKOCZ, QV's sophomore quarterback and back up to Division 1 recruit Darren Rogers, drops back to throw a pass during practice at the high school last week. Skocz is part of a strong core of freshman and sophomore varsity starters and leader of the undefeated junior varsity program. See Page 21 for the full story.

Photo by Tim Edmonson

SOCCER

Academy defeats Brentwood 6-0

SA on fast track to mediocre season, head coach Uwe Stender says time to get serious

By Jon Paul Creese

Sports editor

It's not so much that the Panthers don't have the potential to do better than 8-5.

The Sewickley boys, many of whom are back from a successful 20-4 2004-05 season, delivered a crushing 6-0 blow to the Brentwood Spartans last week after an equally impressive 4-0 shut out at North Catholic.

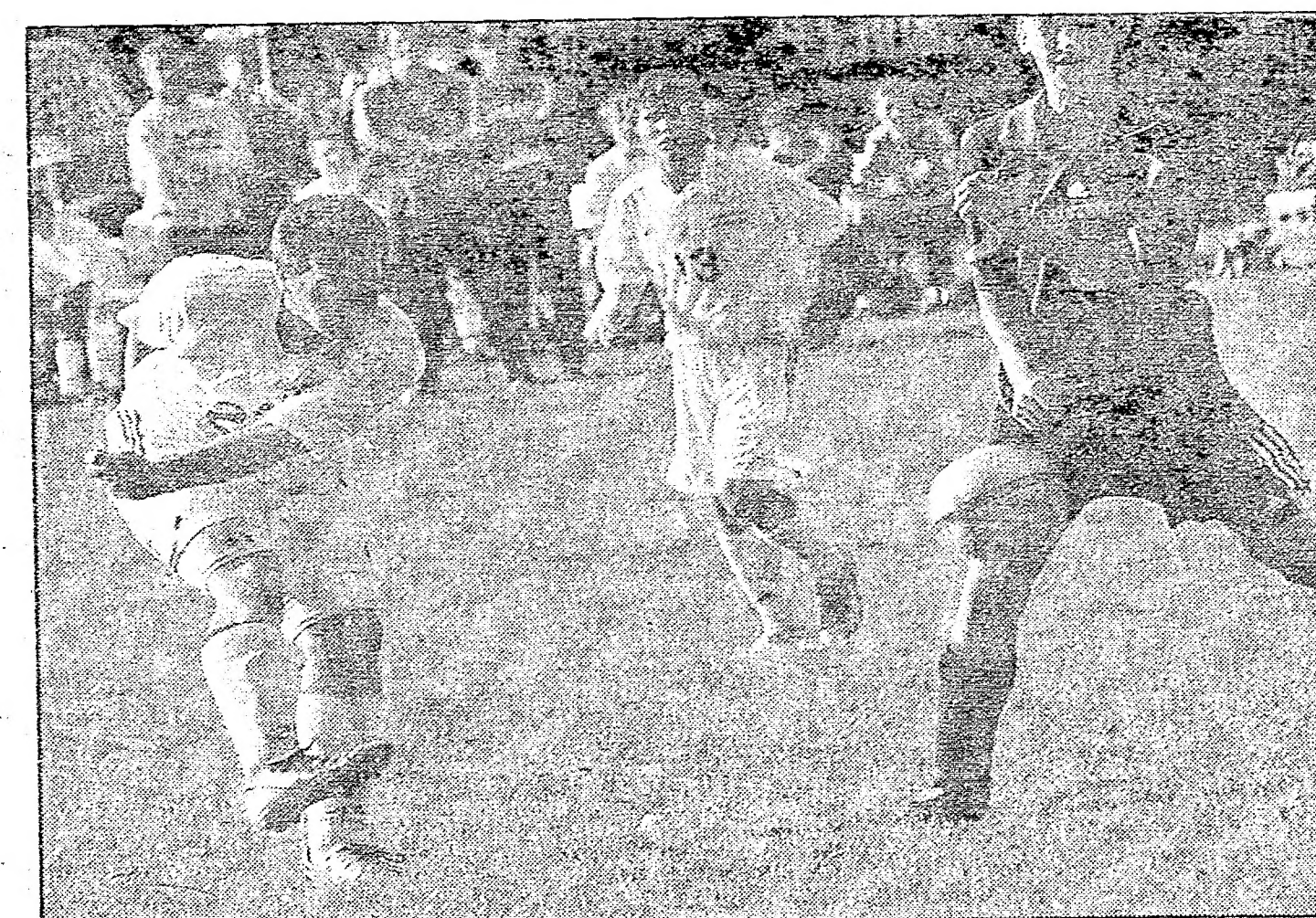
And, they held the 9-4 Quakers to one goal earlier this season.

Explains head coach Uwe Stender, "We haven't found our consistency. Some days are very good, others lack luster."

A simple enough diagnosis, but one that forebodes trouble, if the Panthers don't pull out of it.

Sure, they can expect to blow 1-12 Avonworth away on their worst day, but Neshannock will require a bit more, not to

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JEFF BOBBISH, a Sewickley Academy Boys' Soccer team captain, takes a shot last week during a section game against Brentwood. The 8-5 Panthers defeated the Spartans 6-0, then lost to Shadyside 1-0 Saturday.

Photo by Tim Edmonson

Thought for the Week

What is stress? Today we hear a great deal about the stresses we have in our lives, in our daily work, in our daily home life. "Stress" means different things to different people. Everybody has it; everybody talks about it, yet few people know how to deal with it successfully. It seems there is nothing we can do to make ourselves immune to stress.

We are all subject to knocks and jolts, to heartaches and disappointment. They can have a pile-up effect that doctors call stress. It has been said that life is like a river... it flows... sometimes encountering rocks, sticks, eddies and whirlpools... It flows. It moves.

There is something we can all do to lessen the difficulties or unhappiness we are encountering. We can "drop out" for a few minutes a day. We can empty and unburden ourselves through prayer to Him... Yes, we can counteract stress with moments of absolute peace. Moments like this restore us and charge us with energy for what lies ahead. They give us an inner perspective... Prayer can and does work. These "drop out" moments can nurture us and fill us with the fullness of God and help us along the way...



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BOBBY O'DONNELL, freshman, makes a pass during a game against Brentwood Thursday. The Panthers shut out the Spartans 6-0. O'Donnell, the team's leading scorer with nine season goals, netted three goals for the Panthers Thursday.
Photos by Tim Edmonson

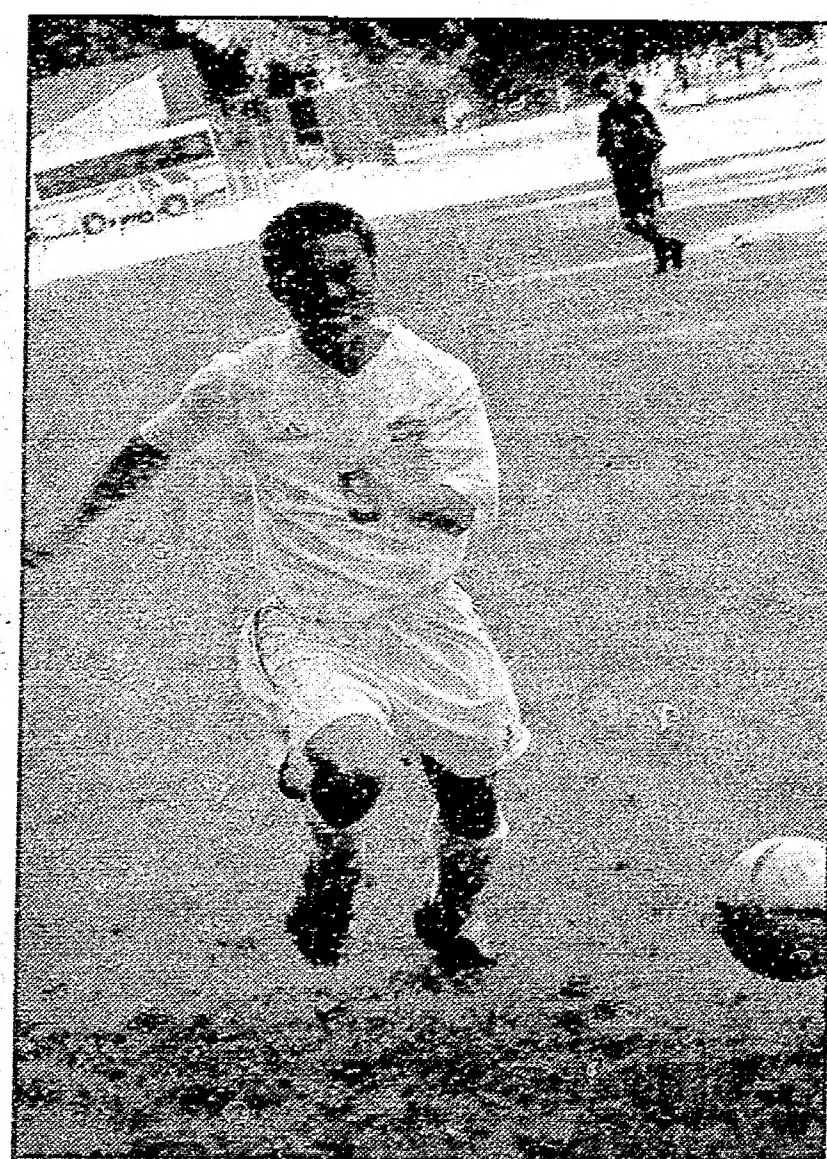
SA boys struggle to stay on track

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mention 10-1 Vincentian and other non-section games against teams like Trinity Christian. The only option, Stender says, is to get serious. "We play two games in a row well, then don't [follow through]," he said. Stender is hoping to change that soon.

"We've fooled around long enough; it's time to get serious."
— Uwe Stender, head coach

"We need to bring it together and play a good game," he said of Thursday's home game against Avonworth. "We've fooled around long enough; it's time to get serious." Stender will rely on his top scorer, freshman Bobby O'Donnell, who netted three against Brentwood and has nine goals for the season (not including Tuesday's results) and his senior leaders Jeff Bobbish, Chris Franz and Zach Ciccone to help the Panthers finish out the regular season with more intensity. Bobbish and Franz also had goals against Brentwood, as did sophomore Matt Hoch. The Panthers host the Antelopes tomorrow at 4:15 p.m. at Nichols Field then host Trinity Christian at 2 p.m. Saturday.



LUKE GRIMES, senior, dribbles into Brentwood territory. The 8-5 Panthers are struggling to find enough consistency to finish out the season with a playoff berth.

October 5, 2005
October 6, 2005

Young Quakers make mark on varsity squad

JV's Martin, Skocz and others show promise for future of QV football
By Jon Paul Creese

Sports editor

Though the present is steeped in struggle, the future of Quaker Valley football is bright.

A second Midwest Conference upset was not in the cards Friday night (Beaver shut out Aliquippa 36-0); though the Quakers had the Bobcats down 13-0 during the first quarter.

But, QV's hand is destined to improve after drawing several youngsters to its junior varsity program that enjoyed a winning season last year (5-3) and is undefeated in conference games this year (not including Monday night's results).

The JV team, led by sophomore quarterback Matt Skocz and freshman running back Korrtetz Martin, defeated Center 33-12, Beaver 55-0 and Elwood City 14-0 so far this year, and their chances look good against Aliquippa.

Skocz and Martin have made big plays even at the varsity

level this year, as have sophomores Aaron Williams, who put the first six points on the board Friday night with a 50-yard interception run back, and Mitch Soman, who accounted for a touchdown pass reception from Skocz during a varsity game against Union.

Sophomore receiver Phil Diemert had two receptions for 53 yards against Union.

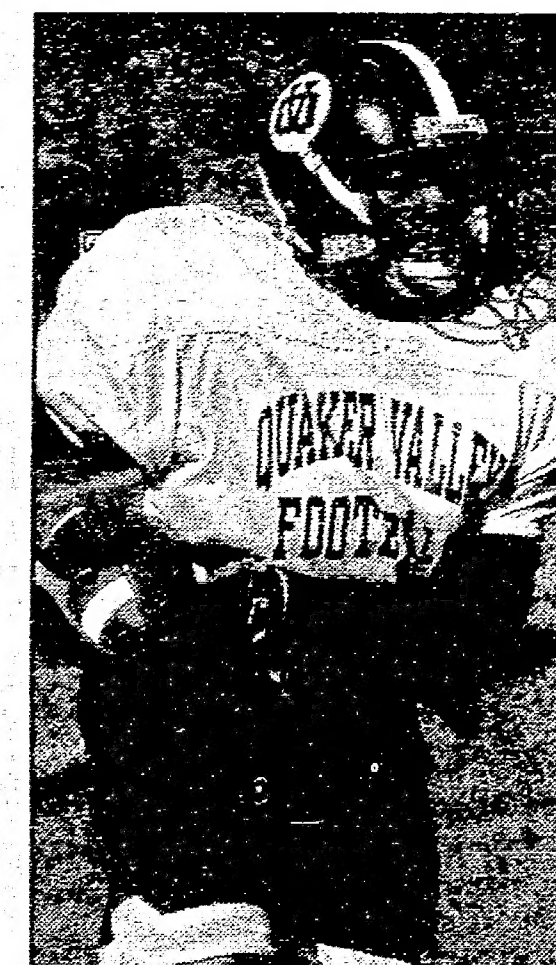
But, when it comes to standing out, Martin shines like no other.

Along with several big plays for the varsity team throughout the season, the 5'11", 180-pound pure running engine, scored five touchdowns against Beaver and has a reputation that exceeds his 14 years.

"He runs people over," JV head coach Jeff Besong said, noting Martin's exceptional speed.

"That's why I call him the 'Man-child,'" he said.

Besong, who coached many of the freshman and sophomores on the team since their early years with a championship termite team and is also an assistant varsity coach, said the influx of talent is great news for the struggling varsity team.



KORRTEZZ MARTIN, freshman running back, is a varsity starter.
Photo by Tim Edmonson

"We're one year away from having an extremely competitive team," he said.

Besong explained that, because of the way the JV program is structured, freshman are playing a year ahead against other teams whose youngest players are sophomores.

Varsity head coach Art Parker said the experience the young players are getting this year will prove invaluable as they age.

"We have a good group of young people. It's encouraging," said Parker, who pointed out that he started five sophomores and Martin against Elwood City two weeks ago.

"JV is critical," he said. "For the experience — there is no substitute."

Parker has been impressed, not only by the quality of talent of his younger athletes, but also by their endurance, as many play two full games a week.

"It says a lot about the kids,"

Parker said. "They get banged up, but they never complain."

And, more than half way through a season of ups and downs playing for two teams with varying success, their spirits and expectations (along with their confidence level) are still high.

"We're going to turn things around," Martin said candidly during practice last week.

"The next couple years, we're going to have a pretty good program."

The key, Martin explained, is to have no fear, and as a freshman on a varsity squad, QV couldn't have a finer example of fearlessness.

"I think we're going to do good," Skocz said of next year's varsity squad, noting that he expects Martin, Williams and Chris Sligh will be his go-to receivers.

Skocz added he is comfortable behind his offensive line that includes Soman, Josh Hays and Grant Sevin.

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CAROLINE HERES (left), Erin Keller, Emily Steliotes and Spencer Caravaggio, of the Edgeworth/Allegheny Girls' 12-under 200-meter Freestyle Relay Team advanced to the Western Pennsylvania Country Club Swim Association Championships.

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LENA SCRIVANICH (left), who finished second overall in the Girls' 12 & Under diving championships is shown with diving coach Adam Nastishyn, and Lucy Gross, who finished third overall in the Girls 13-17 diving championships.

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A handsome dining room is located to the left of the center hall and features a gas-log fireplace, a brass chandelier and built-in china closets.

The beautiful, large windows, facing the front of the home in both the living room and dining room, allow the sun to stream in.

The pantry, which is located



between the dining room and kitchen, has been renovated and features beautiful cabinetry, designed by a master craftsman, and granite counter tops.

The kitchen is complete with

a center island with granite counter tops, recessed lighting, hardwood floors and top-of-the-line appliances.

The first floor laundry is located off the kitchen.

A screened porch is

accessed from the kitchen. There is also a lovely brick patio, which provides the perfect location for summer parties and family meals.

The two-car garage is attached to the home via a covered walkway. Above the garage is a game room/guest suite with a full bath.

The upstairs of the main house boasts a gorgeous horse-shoe railing with a master bedroom, a sitting room with a master bath, and walk-in closet.

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planning to list your home in the upcoming months, here's a sobering statistic: 70 percent of buyers view and compare pictures online before deciding which homes they would like to visit.

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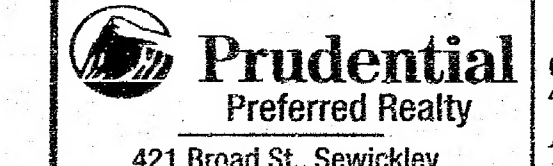
Now take an objective look. Are the shrubs neatly manicured? Is the lawn mowed and are the edges trimmed? Are there some eye-catching landscape elements? Is the exterior pressure-washed, painted and sparkling? Is the front porch and entry inviting?

If you still have to make some cosmetic improvements once a buyer is already inside your home, there is always an opportunity to offer an explanation or to assuage concerns. These days, however, you may not ever get the chance if you don't offer stunning "curb appeal."

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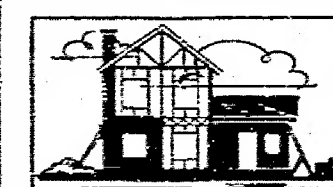
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Robin Ross \$348,000



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6 Thom St. Located in the central Village, this stunning condominium offers over three stories of sophisticated living. Exceptionally spacious with only the finest appointments, this property offers a comfortable living room with a fireplace, a formal dining room, fully equipped kitchen with top-of-the-line fixtures, family room and den with fireplace. There are gleaming hardwood floors and beautiful window treatments which add the finishing touch. Dir: N. on Beaver St., L. Academy, L. Thom, on R. \$869,000.

SEWICKLEY
911 Thom St. Offering the convenience of a Village location, this three story Victorian style home includes a new, well-equipped kitchen, a large living room, formal dining room, 4 bedrooms and 2.5 baths. There is a finished third floor, rear stair case, original pine floors and new windows. Enjoy the wonderful wrap around porch and fenced yard with arbor which adds to the charm of this fine home. Dir: Beaver St. to Peabody St., L. on Thom. How \$319,000.

EDGEWORTH
1 Riverview. This inviting brick ranch style home is situated on a pretty tree lot just outside the Village area. Features of this home include a large living room, dining room, nice sized kitchen, 3 bedrooms and a den. There is also a newer roof, windows and mechanicals. Easy access to shopping, schools and transportation. Dir: From Village, N. on Beaver, R. Chestnut Rd. (in Edgeworth), L. Riverview to end of cut-off sec. \$198,000.

SEWICKLEY
601 Centennial Ave. Nicely renovated home in convenient central Village location. This sunny home features 2 bedrooms on the upper level as well as a living room, den and kitchen on the first floor. There are ceramic and hardwood floors. Large courtyard. Dir: N. on Beaver St., R. Broad, R. Centennial Ave. A great value at \$139,000.

SEWICKLEY
213 Pilgrim Dr. This "better than new" one year old home is conveniently located in the inviting "Quaker Heights" neighborhood and is only minutes from Sewickley Village. Features of this fine home include a bright and spacious eat-in kitchen, a first floor laundry, formal dining room and a comfortable family room with a gas log fireplace. There are 4 bedrooms and 2.5 baths. 9 car integral garage and nicely landscaped lot. Dir: Beaver Rd. to Campmeeting Rd., L. on Pilgrim Dr. (at Quaker Heights sign). \$279,000.

SEWICKLEY
606 Mulberry St. This beautifully renovated cottage style home offers an excellent Village location. Features include 2 bedrooms, a full bath, living room and kitchen. There is also a pretty courtyard. Dir: N. on Beaver St., R. Broad St., R. Centennial to L. Mulberry \$99,900.

LEETSDALE
464 Beaver Rd. This charming three story brick Victorian home has been beautifully renovated and offers a great location close to shopping, transportation and schools. Features include a large living room, formal dining room, kitchen and den on the main level. Upstairs there are 4 bedrooms and a full bath. The fabulous front porch overlooks a park. Large lot. Dir: Rt. 65 N., R. Ferry St., R. Beaver St. on L. (look for sign). \$149,900.

SEWICKLEY AREA
804 Pilgrim Dr. This fantastic two year old Provincial style brick home is only a few minutes from Sewickley Village in the Quaker Heights neighborhood. Features of this fine home include 9 ceilings on the first floor, a comfortable living room, formal dining room, eat-in kitchen with hickory cabinetry. First floor laundry. There are 4 bedrooms and 2.5 baths. Level fenced yard with a patio. 2 car garage. Dir: Beaver Rd. to Campmeeting Rd., L. Pilgrim Dr. (at Quaker Heights). \$349,000.

SEWICKLEY
544 Academy Ave. Handsome brick Colonial with superb Village location tucked away on a beautifully landscaped corner lot. Features include a spacious living room with a fireplace, a formal dining room, a wonderful remodeled kitchen with top-of-the-line fixtures, a comfortable family room with a fireplace and separate den. There are 5 bedrooms and 2.5 baths. The pretty rear patio is surrounded by mature plantings. 2 car attached garage. This is definitely a "Must See".... Dir: N. on Beaver, R. Academy to home on R. (corner) \$745,000.

SEWICKLEY
216 Linden Court. Outstanding Village home is beautifully updated throughout including a new kitchen with breakfast area, adjacent family room with an attractive fireplace, large living room and formal dining room perfect for entertaining. There are 4 bedrooms and 2 full plus 2 half baths. Spacious lower level provides room for an ample size game room, office, laundry area and utility room. Convenient 2 car attached garage. Wonderful landscaped lot and rear patio. Dir: Beaver St. to Grant St., R. Linden Place, L. Linden Court \$492,500.

EDGEWORTH
609 Maple Lane. Handsome three story brick home situated on a beautiful level lot along a pretty tree-lined street. Features of this home include a large living room, formal dining room, updated kitchen and cozy den. There are 5 spacious bedrooms and 3.5 baths. The rooms are large and formal and provide wonderful living space. There is also a newer furnace and central air. The inviting full length porch accents this fine home. 2 car detached garage. Nicely landscaped yard. Dir: Rt. 65 to Edgeworth Lane, L. Maple Lane to home on L. \$695,000.

OSBORNE
539 Glen Mitchell Road - Outstanding contemporary style home situated on 3.5 acres with a peaceful, rippling stream. Exceptional quality throughout which includes 2.5 baths finished with marble and ceramic tile. The eat-in kitchen features ceramic tile and granite counters. There is a spacious living room, dining room and game room plus 3 bedrooms. Integral garage and much more. Dir: Beaver Rd. to Glen Mitchell Rd. on L. \$259,900.

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MARKET WATCH

Who's buying, who's selling

Bell Acres

Hewitt Relocation Services Inc. sold property at 149 Backbone Road to Richard and Doris Mende for \$415,000.

Edgeworth

Charles Patrick Mooney sold property at 403 Beaver Road to Federal National Mortgage Assn. for \$5,000.

Leetsdale

Leonard Harris sold property at 30 First St. to Scott

Easter for \$50,000.

Osborne

Joseph DiRocco sold property at 413 Orchard St. to Timothy and Anastasia Bedard for \$405,750.

Sewickley

Bank One NA trustee sold property at 932 Crescent Ave. to Scott Easter for \$19,900.

Antoinette Dilisio sold property at 834 Thorn St. 24 to James and Emily Liska for \$55,000.

Sewickley Heights

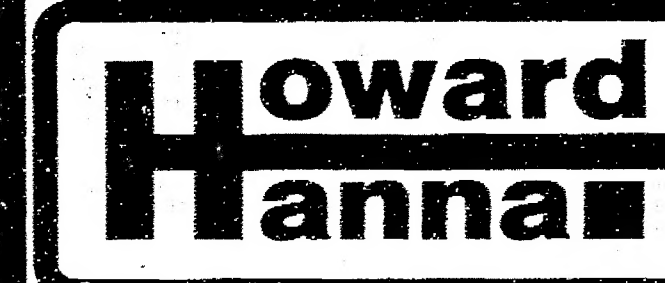
Scott Blackburn sold property at Hillside Farms Road and Blackburn to Hewitt Relocation Services Inc. for \$1,735,000.

Hewitt Relocation Services Inc. sold property at Hillside Farms Road and Blackburn to Antonio Torres and Annamaria Tolt for \$1,735,000.

Sewickley Hills

Beverly Jane Fleming sold property at Fairhill Playground to Aldo and Nancy DiCenzo for \$60,000.

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EDGEWORTH RENOVATION

Beautifully renovated two-story Colonial in Edgeworth. New eat-in kitchen, new first floor bathroom and second floor bathroom. Entry way flanked by a formal dining room and living room with access to the rear yard. Three bedrooms on the second level. Wonderful front porch, perfect for relaxing. Detached garage and rear yard. Very convenient location on a nice street.

Betty Moraca 412-741-2200 \$189,500

105 HIVE LANE

Experience the joy of one-level living in this country chalet, surrounded by three plus acres of nature, yet convenient to shopping and all major routes. A sunken, cathedral ceiling, great room with a towering stone fireplace greets each visitor. Formal dining room and enormous equipped, eat-in, gathering kitchen. Two large bedrooms and generous size bedrooms with king size closets. A rear sun porch and gardeners green house are also part of this home's unique style. Large two-car garage with room for tools and workbenches. Call today for all the additional details.

David Dean 412-741-2200 \$209,500

9 WINDING ROAD

Nestled in the mature neighborhood of Lark Inn Fields, this two story brick Colonial has undergone a wonderful transformation. A center hall entry flanked by a generous formal dining room and living room. Fully equipped new kitchen. Three bedrooms and two bathrooms including the new master bedroom with sitting room. New hardwood floors throughout. Attached garage and nice yard. A convenient location for shopping and schools.

Betty Moraca 412-741-2200 \$239,500

CONTEMPORARY RANCH

Beautifully manicured setting in Robinson Township, this four bedroom ranch has it all. Country gathering kitchen in Spanish motif, formal dining room with French doors to the patio and a welcoming, opening great room. Lower level finished game room. Wonderful in-ground swimming pool with patio plus a pool-side guest house with a fifth bedroom. A great value, close to all major routes and conveniences.

Linda X. Benson 412-741-2200 \$250,000

VILLAGE CO-OP

Central Sewickley Village location, this three bedroom co-op offers the best in maintenance free living. Located on the first floor, it features a formal living room, dining room and updated bathrooms. The fees include the taxes, heat, water, sewage, cable and insurance. Assigned parking. Call for all the details.

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EDGEWORTH GEM

An Edgeworth multi-level with a wonderful open floor plan with super-sized rooms. Neutral decor throughout. Huge living room/great room adjacent to the new hardwood floor. New hardwood floor in the formal dining room. Large gathering kitchen, fully equipped and perfect for today's demands. Four bedrooms and 2.5 bathrooms. New laundry area. Large level, newly landscaped lot, this home offers the best in Village living. Call for all the details.

Linda Taylor 412-741-2200 \$439,900

301 FREDERICK AVENUE

Magnificent three story brick Colonial in the heart of Sewickley with welcoming front porch and grand entry hall with an open stairway and leaded glass palladium window, loaded with architectural detail. Formal drawing room, dining room and spacious family kitchen with every amenity. Up to seven wonderful bedroom spaces and 3+2 newer bathrooms. Beautifully mantled, hardwood floors and wood molding detail. Enjoy the grandeur of this well maintained home, central to all that defines great Village living.

Angie Haskell 412-741-2200 \$595,000

130 CENTENNIAL AVENUE

A stately brick Village home just blocks from all the village amenities. Remodeled from top to bottom, it features a proper entry to the classic proportioned living room with hardwood floors and fireplace; formal dining room adjacent to the new kitchen with granite counters and stainless steel appliances, large family room with fireplace. Upper levels include five bedrooms and three bathrooms including the owners suite. Lower level game room and two car garage. Beautifully landscaped grounds with private brick patio and porch for entertaining. The finest on living in the heart of Sewickley.

Kathe Barge 412-741-2200 \$725,000

DIAMOND RUN

Incredible Londonbury home at Diamond Run. Grand entry flanked by the formal dining room and open formal dining room. Two-story family room with magnificent golf course views. Generous professional gathering kitchen. Main level master bedroom suite with all amenities. Finished, walk out, lower level with guest suite, game room and limitless storage. Total of five bedrooms and 4.5 bathrooms. Three car attached garage. A beautiful cul-de-sac setting in the heart of this great community.

Carroll Ferguson 412-741-2200 \$769,000

PINK HOUSE LANE

Beautifully restored farmhouse in picturesque Sewickley Heights. Great floor plan for easy living on five acres with additional acreage available for horses. Formal living room and dining room with equipped center island kitchen, opening to the family room with a fireplace. Main level study and back and front staircases to the second floor bedrooms and baths including a spa-tub. Covered front and side porches plus a new three-car garage. Two-story, six stall barn with tack rooms. A wonderful, convenient location.

Kathe Barge 412-741-2200 \$950,000

CLASSIC SEWICKLEY

Stately Village colonial, rich in historic origins and delightful architectural detail. Vestibule leading to the graceful, center hall entry with an open stair, flanked by the period dining room, with paneled fireplace wall, and the grand formal living room with a fireplace, bookshelves and French doors to the windowed family room. Magnificent new addition, capturing the original details of the home, incorporating the gourmet, eat in kitchen, spacious breakfast room, surrounded with totally new landscaped garden vistas, second open stairway and new bedrooms, baths and casual living spaces. A beautiful marriage of historic detail with all of the amenities for today's lifestyle.

Carol Ferguson & Guen Larson 412-741-2200 \$1,230,000

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A magnificent Colonial estate, along a secluded drive, in Sewickley Hills. Grand central, gallery, drawing room with towering ceilings and balconied overlooks. Beautiful symmetry and balance from the open split stairway to the custom cabinetry and architectural detail throughout this mansion. Banquet style dining room, professional chef's kitchen with granite counter, six bedrooms, all with private bathrooms plus three powder rooms. A resort quality master suite, first floor guest suite, comfortable casual living spaces, formal living areas, and beautiful exterior patios and balconies are just a few of the amenities that distinguish this home on 10 plus acres.

Betty Moraca 412-741-2200 \$2,500,000

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IN THE NEWS

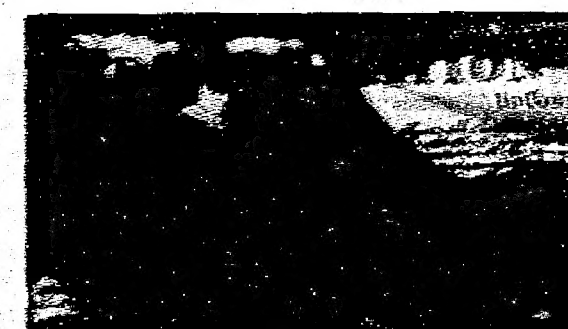
Hanna raises dollars for hurricane relief

Howard W. "Hoddy" Hanna, III, CEO of Howard Hanna Real Estate Services, announced the company has raised \$140,050 for the American Red Cross Hurricane Katrina Fund.

"Thanks to the tremendous support of the great people within the Howard Hanna family of companies for their dedication in helping our friends who are less fortunate by this horrific natural disaster along the Gulf Coast," said Hanna.

"My sisters, Helen Hanna Casey, Annie Hanna Cestra and I are taken aback by the generosity of the great people of our company."

Howard Hanna Real Estate Services matched dollar-for-dollar employee donations and additionally, donated \$5 for each person who visited a Howard Hanna Open House on Patriot's Day, Sunday, Sept. 11.



The company had been planning to celebrate Patriot's Day thanks to Howard W. Hanna Jr., founder of the company, who had mentioned to his children how he would like to raise awareness of the American flag.

The theme for Patriot's Day Open Houses then became flags flying outside of homes scheduled for open houses that day, and the company would distribute small flags to all visitors.

When the hurricane disaster struck, the company pledged to donate a \$5 gift to the American Red Cross for each

visitor.

Howard Hanna Open Houses had 2,970 visitors on Sept. 11, making that portion of the donation \$14,850.

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CAREERS

Benson earns new designation

Linda X. Benson has been awarded senior housing specialist designation from Howard Hanna Real Estate Services.

Benson has completed the necessary training including the study of housing options, retirement living arrangements favored by seniors and the special services and attention needed to aid seniors in making a successful transition into their new homes.

Benson works in Howard Hanna's Sewickley office.

She can be reached at 412-741-2200, Ext. 523.



Linda X. Benson

HARRISBURG

Bill to maintain real rate property tax passes house

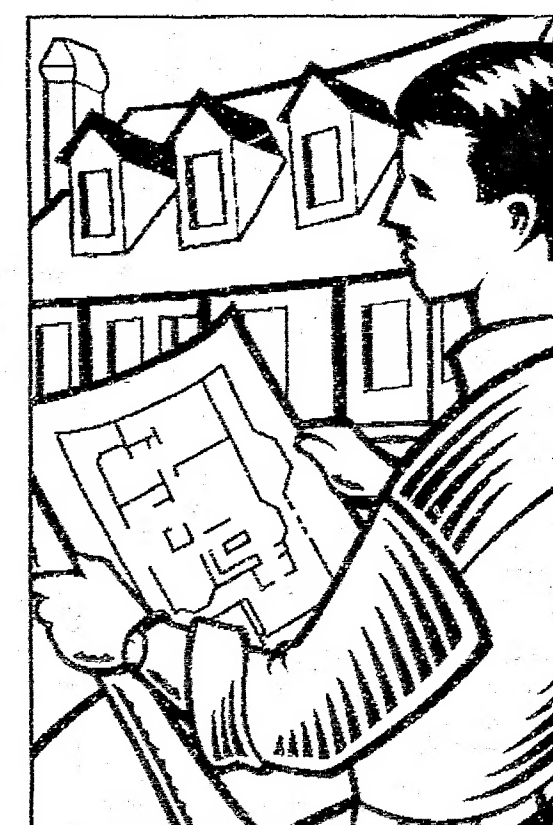
Legislation sponsored by Rep. Mark Mustio (R-Moon Township) to protect Allegheny County property owners from being hit with extreme tax hikes following countywide reassessment unanimously passed the state house on Sept. 27.

If enacted, House Bill 1743 would institute a two-step process to establish and maintain the real rate of property taxation following a countywide assessment.

Currently, the Second Class Code allows municipalities and school district to increase the total amount of property tax revenue collected by as much as 105 percent from the previous year after a countywide assessment.

Mustio's legislation would require municipalities and school districts to establish revenue-neutral millage rates in the tax year immediately following the reassessment.

After this revenue-neutral millage rate is established, elected officials would still have the authority to take a



second vote in increase or decrease taxes, but the increase can be no more than five percent.

Any municipality or school district that violates these limitations would have to refund with interest any excess taxes collected from property owners.

House Bill 1743 now moves on to the Senate for consideration.

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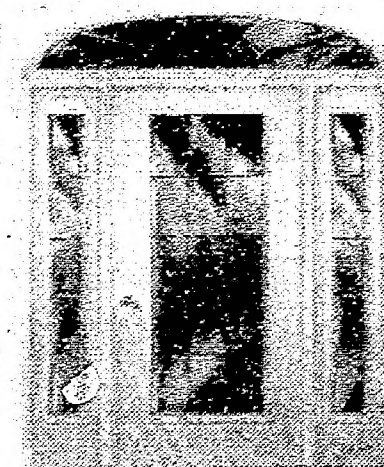
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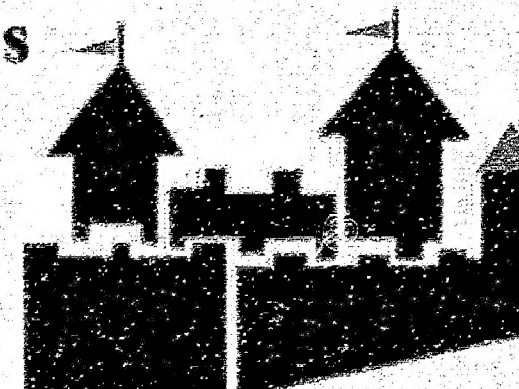
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